



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Hopkins et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/722,279

EXAMINER: Javier G. Blanco

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FOR: CARDIAC VALVE REPLACEMENT

April 28, 2006  
Boston, Massachusetts

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the October 28, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before April 28, 2006. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21486-027DIV).

Respectfully submitted,

Two handwritten signatures are shown. The top signature is "Ingrid A. Beattie" and the bottom signature is "Jennifer L. Loebach".

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